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FM AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 6883
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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUALA LUMPUR 2362

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SUBJECT: WOPR ACTIVITIES - ROLAND

REF: STATE 83289

1. AMBASSADOR RAISED WITH FOREIGN OFFICE SECRETARY
GERNERAL ZAKARIA PLIGHT OF THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ON
THE ROLAND. HE OUTLINED THE PROBLEM FOR ORDERLY AND
EXPEDITIOUS PROCESSING THAT THEIR PRESENCE ON THE
ROLAND CAUSED, AND RUGED THAT THE GOM ALLOW ALL THE
REFUGEES TO GO ASHORE TO THE CAMP ON PULAU BESAR WHICH
LOCAL OFFICIALS ASSURED US HAS THE CAPACITY TO RECEIVE
THEM AND WHERE THE UNHCR IS READY TO SUPPORT THEM UNTIL
THEY CAN BE MOVED ON TO PERMAMENT REFUGE. HE SAID
FURTHER THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ALL THE REFUGEES ASHORE
SO THAT THE ROLAND COULD LEAVE MALAYSIAN WATERS AND
CEASE TO BE AN IRRITATION TO ALL AGENCIES DEALING WITH
THE PROBLEM.

2. ZAKARIA SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS ANXIOUS TO
COOPERATE FULLY WITH ALL CONCERNED IN PROCESSING THE
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ROLAND REFUGEES AND WOULD UNDERTAKE TO MAKE THEM AVAILABLE
FOR INTERVIEWS. THE AMBASSADOR SAID THIS WAS WELCOMED,
BUT THAT WE FELT IT WAS NECESSARY TO GO FURTHER AND
BRING THE REFUGEES ASHORE PERMANENTLY. HIGH WAVES
HAD RECENTLY MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO BRING THEM IN FOR
INTERVIEWS, AND THE CONTINUING PRESENCE OF THE ROLAND
UNNECESSARILY COMPLICATED THE PROBLEM. ZAKARIA REPLIED

THAT HE WOULD SEEK THIS BROADER SOLUTION, BUT OFFERED
NO ASSURANCES OF THE OUTCOME.
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